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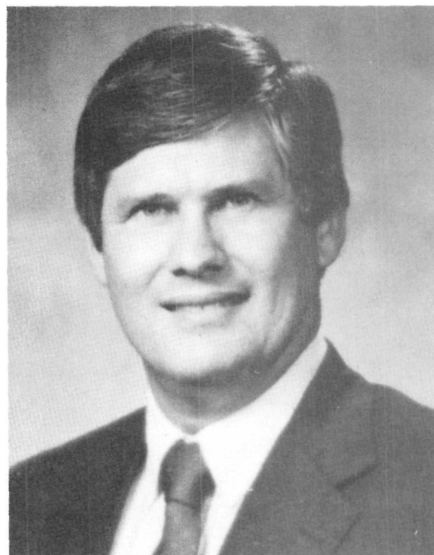
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Serving as the president of the Academy of Accounting Historians is a distinct honor. It is also a great deal of work. Since the Academy has no paid employees, all work is performed by the treasurer, secretary, president, and other volunteers. In addition to serving as the titular head of the organization, the president organizes and coordinates the work of all other officers and committees.

The Academy's annual budget is about \$30,000, and it takes a great deal of work to use this money to provide the most benefits to members. The Academy uses this money to publish two issues of *The Accounting Historians Journal* annually, two issues of *The Accounting Historians Notebook*, several working papers, and one or more monographs. The Academy also sponsors several history sessions at the AAA annual meeting. This year, the Academy is co-sponsoring the 5th World Congress of Accounting Historians in Sydney, Australia. Another meeting is tentatively being planned to dedicate the Academy's Tax History Research Center in Oxford, Mississippi. Given all of this activity, the handful of volunteer officers is kept rather busy.

Additional volunteers are always welcome. If any member would like to serve on a committee, let me know. I will be more than happy to put you to work.

Let me encourage all of you to attend the 5th World Congress meetings at the University of Sydney. The previous World Congresses have been the most inspirational and motivational conferences I have ever attended. If the Sydney Congress is anything like the previous ones, attendees will literally find themselves reborn during the event. The speakers include the most distinguished accounting historians



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in the world. Even the University of Sydney's own professor emeritus, Raymond J. Chambers, has volunteered to come out of retirement and speak at a plenary session. The Congress promises to be *the* accounting event of this half of the decade. Don't miss it.

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